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Office of Size Standards  
Size Determination Program Manager – Major Clark  
U.S. Small Business Administration  
Office of Government Contracting  
409 3rd Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20416

Subject: Restructuring SBA Small Business Size Standards

Dear Major Clark:

As a Small Business owner I am taking the opportunity to submit herein our objection to the proposed rule to restructure size standards (69 Fed. Reg. 13130, March 19, 2004) and on whether SBA should provide an exclusion for affiliation with venture capital companies when determining eligibility for participation in the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program. Because the SBA seeks input from the public on its approach -- it is our request that you consider the hardship (both financially and competitively) this restructuring will place on the Small Business community.

The SBA is aware of the many obstacles small businesses face continually when competing for Government Contracts. Due to the state of our economy we are finding that Mid-size to Large Businesses are aggressively bidding on every open opportunity available, which makes it even more difficult for small businesses and leaving absolutely little or no opportunity for small businesses to survive or grow their business. Additionally, the bundling of contracts has created additional hardship on small businesses.

It is my believe that the SBA office will receive overwhelming response in objection of the size standard changes from the small business community; and these responses will prohibit the implementation of the size standard changes.

Understanding that these comments must be received on or before April 3, 2005 – we have also submitted them electronically to [restructure.sizestandandards@sba.gov](mailto:restructure.sizestandandards@sba.gov).

Respectfully,  
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